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Letter of Protest
Docket No. 2020-229-E

Date: * 3/22/2021

Protestant Information	
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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)
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We are electric and gas customers of Dominion Energy of SC. We have had solar panels since November 2018 under a tariff that expires 12/31/2025. At present rates, it will take at least 10 years to cover the net investment in the solar array considering investment tax credits. With the requested increase in charges, that payoff will be much longer (if ever). Certainly, with this request, rooftop solar will no longer be economically viable for any new customers, which seems to be the intent of DESC.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)
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I find the DESC filing for multiple increases to be greatly excessive. Their characterization of opponents of their rate increases as "subsidy-supporters" is both misleading and insulting. We are supporters of clean and sustainable energy. The solar subscription fee is especially unfair. This appears to be a punitive charge to discourage individual customers from opting to generate their own electricity. On the other hand, as an electrical engineer myself, I have never found the 1 to 1 net metering to be a viable business model for the electric company. I can only assume that was a political decision by the legislature to jumpstart the solar industry. I fully expected this would change after the initial period. I would suggest that a ratio of 75% of retail for power sent back would allow a 33% gross profit for DESC. The subscription fee should be rejected. Also, the basic facility charge increase to \$19.50 is also not needed if they are allowed to profit on the excess energy sent to the grid.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

No , I cannot attend on 3/23/21.

Signature Required: Charles W. Truesdale